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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I cannot say ".

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Is it the policy of the Government that one or two people should have the monopoly of these examinerships ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It is not the policy of the Government, Sir."

Government technical examinations in shorthand and typewriting.

* 361 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the table of the House a statement showing the number of candidates who appeared for the Government examinations in shorthand and typewriting (both lower and higher grades) for the last ten years districtwar and the number of candidates who came out successful;

(*b*) to state the number of candidates who appeared and came out successful in the Government examinations in shorthand and typewriting (lower and higher) held in April 1931; and

(*c*) the reasons for the increase or decrease in the percentage of candidates who were successful for the last three years?

A.—(*a*) The lower and higher grades were introduced only with effect from April 1924. The printing of the statement required will be expensive. A statement in manuscript is available for inspection.

(*b*) The figures are given below :—

Subject.	Lower.		Higher.	
	Number examined.	Number passed.	Number examined.	Number passed.
Shorthand ..	702	46	118	Nil
Typewriting ..	1,918	386	217	29

(*c*) The results in 1929 were not unsatisfactory. For 1930 and April 1931 they were bad, particularly in Shorthand. The valuation was strictly in accordance with the rules and few candidates reached the required standard.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will enquire into the reasons why there has been such a huge failure, especially in shorthand? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Yes, Sir; they have enquired. The reason that they have been able to discover is that in previous years the examiners were very lenient and this year the examiners have been strict."